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SUBJECT: RENEGOTIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR
THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

1. UNDER THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF
1976 (PL94-265) THE DEPARTMENT IS PROCEEDING TO PROMPTLY
RENEGOTIATE OUR EXISTING FISHERIES TREATIES TO CONFORM THEM
TO THE ACT. THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS
FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN (INPFC) TO WHICH THE
UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND CANADA ARE PARTIES, IS PRESENTLY
INCONSISTENT WITH THE ACT, AND IT IS ACCORDINGLY NECESSARY
FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE ITS RENEGOTIATION AT THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. -

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IF THE CONVENTION IS NOT RENEGOTIATED IN A MANNER THAT MAKES
IT FULLY CONSISTENT WITH PL94-265, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR
THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CONVENTION, AUTOMA-
TICALLY TERMINATING IT FOR JAPAN AND CANADA AS WELL. THE
UNITED STATES COMMUNICATED THIS POSITION TO CANADA AND JAPAN
DURING A SPECIAL IN CAMERA SESSION OF THE INPFC HELD

NOVEMBER 4, 1976 IN TOKYO, JAPAN. AT THE SAME TIME THE U.S. ALSO NOTED ITS INTENTION TO DEPOSIT A NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE THE CONVENTION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE OPTION OF WITHDRAWING FROM THE CONVENTION IF THE RENEGOTIATION PROVED

UNSUCCESSFUL. SUCH A NOTICE WAS DEPOSITED BY THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONVENTION ON FEBRUARY 10, 1977.

2. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO HOST THE INITIAL RENEGOTIATION SESSION, AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW BEING FORMULATED FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 8-15 IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOJ AND GOC OFFICIALS ON DESIRABILITY OF THIS LOCATION AND TIME. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD JUST OUTSIDE THE SEATTLE METROPOLITAN AREA AT A SPECIAL CONFERENCE FACILITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

3. AS SOON AS EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED ACCEPTABILITY OF TIME AND LOCATION TO DEPARTMENT, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ACCOMODATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED. WHILE EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY U.S. DESIRE TO BE AS ACCOMODATING AS POSSIBLE IN EVENT OF GENUINE SCHEDULING CONFLICT, DEPARTMENT HOPES TO AVOID ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN AUGUST 8-15 DATES DUE TO DIFFICULTIES THIS WOULD CAUSE IN RESERVING MEETING FACILITIES, AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULES OF KEY MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION.

4. OTTAWA FYI. SUGGESTED SCHEDULING IS NECESSARY SINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES MUST DECIDE BY FEB 10 WHETHER TO TERMINATE EXISTING TREATY, OR REMAIN A PARTY UNTIL FEB 10, 1979. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AUGUST SCHEDULE WILL NOT PRECLUDE US-CANADA MEETINGS ON SALMON INTERCEPTIONS IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO SCHEDULE THESE TALKS ON SHORT NOTICE DURING SAME PERIOD. VANCE

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